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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in response to the March 2, 2009 Office Action mailed in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was originally due June 2, 2009. Applicants request a three-month extension of time, thereby extending the due date to September 2, 2009. Accordingly, this paper is being timely filed on or before September 2, 2009.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.

A Declaration (Attachment A) is attached following the Remarks.

A Curriculum Vitae (Attachment B) is attached following the Remarks.

A Japanese Notice of Allowance (Attachment C) is attached following the Remarks.